



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Senior Center
MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Anderson (staff), Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Jordana Frost, Cindy Guerreri, Rachel Leclerc, Pat Schneider, Judy Stoughton, Kathy Ward, Linda Williams, Jillene Woodmansee, Ana Zeller and Kelly Zimmerman.

Guests: Jen Scanlon

Regrets: Lisa Dahn, Maggie Ferron, Jane Goldman, Carole Norrish, Lisa Young.

WHAT	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
CALL TO ORDER	Pat Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of December 3, 2014 meeting.	<i>The December 3, 2014 Minutes were approved by consensus.</i>
TEAM MEETINGS	As there were not many members of the Health Team or the Community Connectedness Teams, all stayed together and Cindy Guerreri gave a RBA presentation on "The Whole Distance."	
TEAM UPDATES	There were no Crossover issues to discuss.	
STAFF REPORT	<p>Communication Consulting: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The selection committee will interview three firms on Friday, January 16. The selection panel is all set. <p>Accountability Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie Hodrinsky has been chosen as the Accountability Manager. <p>Technical Assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Sevell-Nelson will come and assist the Successful Learners team focus their efforts on January 22 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. <p>PEP – People Empowering People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This parenting class is being offered to Chaplin, Mansfield and Coventry residents. If anyone is interested in more information or to sign up, see Sara Anderson. <p>PoP - Power of Play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These sessions are a continuation of the workshops held last year. Parent PoP will be held on Saturday, January 	

	<p>17 at the Library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kid PoP will be held Friday January 23 at the Library. <p>Youth Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Services will hold a Mommy and Me group for families who are underserved and unserved. 	
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Sustainability Discussion: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAC needs to develop materials based on the list developed at the December meeting to show Who We Are, What Have We Done and What Would We Lose if MAC ceased to exist. Sara showed some examples from other Collaboratives such as Colchester's Annual Report and a poster showing an advertisement for what the Collaborative is doing. Another option is to contact our legislators and advocate for the budget line item for funding the community plan. Our legislators include Rep. Gregg Haddad, Rep. Linda Orange and Sen. Mae Flexor. We should look at other organizations to fund MAC, primarily the Town of Mansfield. <p>MAC Chair/Co-Chairs: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara announced that we will be looking for nominations for the Chair position at our February meeting. 	
CLOSING	<p>Plus/Delta or Pros and Cons: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara Anderson handed out a sheet of paper to survey how people felt about the meeting in general and asked them to give specific feedback. 	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.</p> <p>Next Executive Council Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2015, 10:00am – 11:30am, Conference Room B.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Sara Anderson at AndersonSD@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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